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1. THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AGREED BY VOICE VOTE
ON APRIL 27 TO REFER THE TRADE AGREEMENT TO THE HOUSE.
2. THE MARKUP SESSION LASTED ONLY A FEW MINUTES. VANIK
MADE A SHORT INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE BILL.
HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD INCLUDED
HARRINGTON'S LANGUAGE ON THE LIGHT BULB ISSUE FOR THE
COMMITTEE REPORT. VANIK CONCLUDED HIS STATEMENT WITH
THE HOPE THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD GIVE HUNGARY GREATER
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE.
3. FRENZEL, STEIGER, STARK AND PICKLE EACH MADE BRIEF
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STATEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE AGREEMENT. STARK SAID THE
HUNGARIANS PUSHED DILIGENTLY TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS AND
THAT HE THOUGHT THE ROMANIANS WERE BEGINNING TO EMULATE
THEM. PICKLE SAID HE HOPED TRADE RELATIONS COULD BE

NORMALIZED WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA. VANIK ADDED THAT HE
WOULD LIKE TO SEE TRADE RELATIONS NORMALIZED WITH ALL

THE NON-MARKET ECONOMIES.

4. SCHULTZ AND LEDERER BOTH OF PENNSYLVANIA WERE THE ONLY TWO MEMBERS TO VOTE NO. THEY MAY WANT TO INCLUDE DISSENTING VOTES IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. AFTER THE VOTE THE COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THIS BILL SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE FLOOR VIA THE RULES COMMITTEE. THIS PROCEDURE TAKES LONGER THAN BRINGING IT UP UNDER SUSPENSION, BUT IT GUARANTEES THAT THE HOUSE WILL VOTE ON THE BILL WHEN IT REACHES THE FLOOR. THE FULL COMMITTEE REPORT WILL BE ISSUED NEXT THURSDAY, MAY 4.
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